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40 DAYS

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 9, 2014

1st Sunday of Lent I Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 9, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Psalm: Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Intention: śp. Garry Kopec; śp. Yolanda DiCocco

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL and Confirmation Classes, Parish Committee

2nd Sunday of Lent II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 16, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Psalm: Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

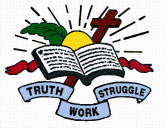
Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL and Confirmation Classes
- Free Lunch on Sunday

The strictness of the Quadragesima mortifies the passions, extinguishes anger and rage, cools and calms every agitation springing up from gluttony. And just as in the summer, when the burning heat of the sun spreads over the earth, the northern wind renders a benefaction to those who are scorched, by dispersing the sultriness with a tender coolness: so fasting also provides the same, by driving out of bodies the burning which is the result of overeating. – Saint Athanasius the Great

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437- 1889.

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Upcoming...

- **March 9th: 1st Sunday of Lent/Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC, Daylight Savings Time**
- **March 14th: Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.**
- **March 16th: 2nd Sunday of Lent**
- **March 19th: Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.**
- **March 21st: Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.**
- **March 23rd: 3rd Sunday of Lent**
- **March 28th: Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.**
- **March 30th: 4th Sunday of Lent**
- **April 4th: Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.**
- **March 6th: Passion Sunday, Basket Social**

NOTE:

CONVO 2014 registration packets and Music Scholarship applications are now available!

With You we fast and pray

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights

According to the Bible the tenth day of the seventh month (Tishri) is the Day of Atonement. The Jews call it Yom Kippur. In Hebrew *Yom* means day and *Kippur* means to pardon. The word atonement carries the meaning to English-speaking people. It means to make amends or to reconcile — to become "at one" with God and each other.

The observance of the Day of Atonement originates with God's word to Moses:

And The Lord said to Moses, "On the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement; it shall be for you a time of holy convocation, and you shall afflict yourselves and present an offering by fire to The Lord. And you shall do no work on this

same day; for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement for you before The Lord your God."

The Lord commanded the Day of Atonement as a solemn annual observance of the Israelites. It is unique in that it is the only God-commanded Old Testament Holy Day in which fasting was required. The fast was such a strict requirement that anyone who failed to do so would be cut off from the community.

Jesus went into the desert to fast for forty days – an extraordinary fast - just as Moses and Elijah had done. But, for us, Jesus' fast clearly conveys something far more important.

The Jews fasted on the Day of Atonement. Yet they would always face another Day of Atonement.

Jesus is the world's atonement. His sacrifice, once and for all, brought about atonement on our behalf. As such Jesus' fast was in preparation for His public ministry and His journey to the day of our

atonement.

Prepared for this journey, Jesus is immediately tempted. Will He quit and abandon His journey to bring about the day of our atonement, freeing us from the grip of evil and sin? No! He refuses and sends an even stronger message about the consistency of His mission and Who He is: That He would not use His power for His own ends; That He would not gain followers by pointless displays of miraculous power; and that He would not switch sides to gain power and influence.

Jesus fasted and prepared for His journey toward a permanent and forever day of atonement. At one with the community and with His heavenly Father He knew, as St. Paul tells us: *just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all.*

This Lent let us embrace Jesus' atonement – fasting and praying, making the corrections needed to come into line with His will.

"In the fifth year of Jehoi'akim the son of Josi'ah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a fast before the LORD."

Jeremiah 36:9

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ezra 8:21-23

MONDAY: Daniel 10:3

TUESDAY: 1 Kings 19:8

WEDNESDAY: Acts 13:2-3

THURSDAY: Joel 1:5

FRIDAY: 1 Kings 21:27

SATURDAY: Jonah 3:5

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the faith to fast and pray in confidence so that through these efforts I may draw closer to You.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



When you give up eating.. don't put on a sad face like the hypocrites. Mt 6:16

Lenten Charity and Devotions

The journey of Lent calls us to deeper prayer, charity, penance, and sacrifice. Through these efforts we affirm the life we should be living in Christ and work to repent of our excesses. When we finally arrive at our celebration of the gift of eternal life in Christ at Easter we are better prepared to live as His brothers and sisters. We are really ready to live as Christians.

How to prepare – **church every Sunday, Stations of the Cross every Friday, fast, sacrifice through directed giving (bring in those canned and dry goods and place them by the Mary altar), make a conscious effort to live in Jesus' way every day.**

Friend Sunday

Friend Sunday is March 30th. It is an annual day when churches join together and encourage their members to reach out and invite friends and family to a special service where friendship is honored and encouraged. The Friend Sunday movement hopes to reach every home in America with an invitation to church and ultimately into a relationship with Jesus. Our members are the most effective means of outreach. Why not honor a special friend to church on March 30th and let them know that we are praying for them and for you, that your friendship be blessed in a very special way.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, March 16th. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ. Our free lunch on Sunday program is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzysinski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Laverne Dowdell, Curtis Szczepkowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Beverly Ferguson, Edward Panfil, Alyssa DePaula, Jane Kopec, Pastor Tom Kendall, Ariel Linette Dopp, Irene Borowski

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Holy Cross Parish in Pulaski, WI and its congregation and pastor, Rev. Zbigniew Talaga.

Bless them, O Lord!
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour has returned. Join us after worship every Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS - Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.